

# Beckett and Carpentier Clash in Ring To-night for Championship of Europe

## \$100,000 "Gate" Expected for Titular Battle

British Sporting Fans Eagerly Await Outcome of Bout in Holborn Stadium

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LONDON, Dec. 3.—Georges Carpentier's stock took a decided boom here to-day. Unquestionably the Frenchman is the popular favorite for his bout with Joe Beckett to-morrow evening, when the next logical opponent for Jack Dempsey will be determined. However, Beckett still rules the favorite at the odds of 5 to 4.

Eddie McGeerly, who fought Beckett and trained Carpentier, picks the Frenchman, but adds that he must win within the first ten rounds, for Beckett's condition and strength are admittedly superior. Eugene Corri, the prominent referee, also believes that Carpentier will win.

The men will take the ring Thursday night with the sportsmen of both England and France deeply interested in the result. The contest is the sole talk in all sporting circles and the fight has assumed the importance of the recent Willard-Dempsey fight.

Gains New Admirers  
Carpentier is gaining many new followers, due to reports emanating from his training quarters, where, according to his backers, the Frenchman has driven away all traces of stiffness which characterized his bout with Guscat Smith, the American, in Paris. The Frenchman's supporters also declare that he will enter the ring fit for the fight of his life.

It is also stated that if the European champion can show a flash of his old form which he displayed in his famous bout with Bombardier Wells, he will carry the money of many of those now skeptical of his chance on account of his drained strength after five years with the French army.

Carpentier is a popular idol. He is picturesque figure in the ring, a skillful boxer rather than a fighter. It is said that Carpentier also carries a punch that is calculated to knock out Beckett. The latter has had skillful handling in his training, but it is believed that he cannot stop the Frenchman.

Conserves His Strength  
Beckett is a gypsy with a native temperament, but he has been trained to hold himself in and to resist the impulse to fly at his opponent in fury and instead, fight a battle of wearing his rival down on sheer physical strength.

Beckett is not without science as a boxer, but is not of Carpentier's caliber. Both fighters have had clever handlers training them for the important battle. Deschamps, having won many fights for Carpentier, while Mertimer, who manages Beckett, has taught his boxer all his knowledge of ring craft. Still there seems to be no reason to doubt Beckett's ability to win. All doubt as to condition, stamina and strength is on Carpentier's side. Beckett is always ready for a fight.

The Holborn Stadium, in which the fight will be held, is sold out, as the applicants have exceeded the seating capacity of 4,000. Tickets are also selling greatly in excess of their face value and it is likely that thousands will have to wait outside the club's doors. The fight is expected to draw about \$100,000, of which \$20,000 will go to the winner and \$80,000 to the loser.

A host of prominent government officials from France and England are to be in attendance, while the Prince of Wales is also expected to occupy a privileged seat. B. J. Angle will act as referee.

Paris Expects Its Idol To Be Favorite To-night

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Betting on the Stock Exchange on the boxing match at London to-morrow between Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight, and Joe Beckett, the English boxer, is at an even money, the abundance of French money forcing the odds down from 7 to 5.

Beckett will probably be the favorite in the betting when the men enter the ring.

Havana Entries

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Second race (three-year-olds and upward; claiming; five and one-half furlongs)—Jones, 104; Bala and Stars, 102; War, 101; Englewood, 110; Ralph S., 110; Scott, 110.  
Third race (maiden; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs)—Acclamation, 112; The Clever, 104; Pleasant Lady, 102; O'Malley, 115; Ned McWhirter, 113; Crutcher, 114; Vada, 110.  
Fourth race (three-year-olds and upward; claiming; six furlongs)—Jack Hawk, 104; Active Soldier, 104; Zed, 101; Eddie, 104; Tranter, 104; Nargel, 101; Ed; White Crown, 109; Tramps, 109.  
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## Joe Beckett, the Favorite



## English Pugilist Favorite Over French Poilu Boxer

By W. O. McGeehan

Not since the time John L. Sullivan fought Charlie Mitchell, of England, at Chantilly, has an international boxing contest created as much interest as the bout between Georges Carpentier, of France, and Joe Beckett, of England, which will be fought in the Holborn Stadium in London to-night. The winner eventually will meet Jack Dempsey, of the United States, for the real heavyweight championship of the world.

Latest cable advices from London indicate that Beckett, who is younger, stronger and heavier, will be a ringside favorite, although hundreds of Frenchmen crossed the Channel yesterday to place heavy wagers on "Georges the Poilu." "Beckett is coming, Carpentier is going," the wise ones have figured.

Whatever may happen in the ring to-night, Carpentier always will remain the greater fighter in the hearts of the Frenchmen and in the truest sense of the word. The poilu boxer served throughout the World War in the French army. Tex Rickard, the American promoter, tried often to bring him to the United States, but the answer always came back to the effect that Carpentier had all the fighting he could handle in his own back yard, and the French could not see the fitness of a boxing bout when France was in danger.

The best judges of condition declare that Carpentier of to-day is not the Carpentier that used to box before the war. The strain of the many campaigns wore him down, and his first efforts to come back after leaving the army showed that he was not in the best of condition. Beckett, on the other hand, has been most carefully handled and matched with considerable judgment. In this youngest the English see the chance of restoring the old ring prestige to Great Britain, where boxing really was developed into a sport.

Interest in boxing in France is of decidedly more recent development. The sport was first introduced into France by American boxers, mostly negroes, of whom Sam McVea was the pioneer. The French first regarded it as brutal, but later boxing exhibitions began to draw well and the French themselves began to develop some boxers.

Georges Carpentier was the first of the Frenchmen to become a real adept at the game. Later they developed some men in other classes, and during the war French boxers began to make a really creditable showing in the tournaments, where the Allied soldiers met in boxing matches. In fact, French boxers proved too clever and too fast for many an American doughboy entrant. The French, once they took to the boxing game, showed real adaptability for it.

While they are making plenty of assurances now that the winner of to-night's fight will be matched with Jack Dempsey, I do not believe that the victor will want to hasten things. Dempsey will stand alone in his class until he begins to deteriorate physically. There is no one in the United States or Europe who would be anything like a match for him at the present writing.

It seems that Babe Ruth, the home run magnate, in a fit of despondency, is contemplating suicide. At any rate, that is what one gathers from the statement that Ruth is anxious to meet Jack Dempsey in the ring.

Speaking of international affairs, Jimmy Wilde will meet Jack Sharkey in Milwaukee Saturday night. Wilde will have no trouble with the American flyweights, because there aren't any. The match with Sharkey will give a good line on what he might do to the American bantams. And, by the same token, there are very few genuine American bantams either. Most of them are over weight.

Benny Leonard, who had to rest up at Lakewood, N. J., to lose a bad cold before meeting Mel Coogan in New Jersey, wires that he will be all ready for the bout on the 10th. Joe Benjamin, the California lightweight, who is to meet Tommy Tuohy on the same night on the same card, is training with Leonard.

Star Athletes Back On Princeton Squad

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 3.—Princeton's prospects for the approaching indoor track season are greatly strengthened by the return to college of Dick Cleveland and George Buzby. Cleveland, the son of the former President, and Buzby have just been released from the marines in China, where they served for more than a year as first lieutenants in the aviation guard.

## Veterans Win Easy Matches In Squash Meet

Cordier, Yale Club, Puts Out Rushmore, and Dana, Harvard, Eliminates Taylor

Veterans of the squash tennis courts experienced little trouble in winning their second round matches in the annual National Squash Tennis Association fall scratch tournament, which was continued on the Harvard Club courts yesterday. However, the play was marred somewhat by the fact that Rushmore Van S. Hyde, national champion last year, and Charles M. Bull Jr. were compelled to default on account of pressure of business.

Several long three-set contests featured the sixteen matches scheduled for decision; the others were brought to an end by decisive scores. Entries from the Harvard and Yale clubs predominated in the third round play to-day.

Augustus J. Cordier, the Yale Club star, used his smashing attack and excellent defense to defeat Rushmore Van S. Hyde, 15-3, 15-8. The common man played a strong game, showing fine racket work and an ability to make good "gets."

Takes Lead Early  
The first game ended after eleven rallies, with Cordier assuming an early lead. Rushmore appeared baffled by his rival's attack and two of his three points were made on Cordier's errors. Cordier put up a stronger offense in the second set and managed to defeat his rival at 5-all for eight hands. Then Cordier got his best strokes working to accumulate his necessary ace in the next seven hands.

Anderson Dana, of the Harvard Club, had an easy time eliminating George Taylor, a Cambridge, by a score of 15-8, 15-3. Dana did not show his real skill in the first set, but in the second bewildered his opponent by his lightning shots and varied pace.

The longest match was that in which J. A. Richards, Harvard Club, caused somewhat of a surprise in defeating Harold D. Harvey, Princeton Club, after three games, by a score of 15-3, 12-15, 15-13. The play scintillated with bitter fights for aces, especially in the second and third games. Harvey began slowly, but reached the top of his play in the second game. In this session the fight was nip and tuck and it was Richards's erratic playing at the end that gave his opponent his winning margin. Richards won the third and decisive game by executing some fine placement shots.

Carhart Also Triumphed  
Harry W. Carhart, a Yale entry, showed a splendid front wall game in defeating John Munroe, Harvard Club, by 7-15, 15-12, 15-7. Munroe warned to his work sooner than his rival and managed to get an early lead that Carhart could not overcome. However, in the second and third games, Carhart rallied and used a cross court shot to the back wall corners to great effect.

Stuyvesant Wainwright, Yale, was forced to three games to down H. R. Stern, a clubmate, while F. S. Keeler's style of play failed to puzzle the hard smashing C. J. Macquire, who won by a score of 15-11, 15-10.  
The summary:  
Annual National Squash Tennis Association fall scratch tournament. Second round: Upper half—Rushmore Van S. Hyde, Princeton Club, won by default from H. D. Bullock, Columbia Club; J. Leo Harvey, Yale Club, defeated C. E. Bull, Syracuse Club, by default; R. B. Pink, Englewood Club, defeated C. E. Bull, Syracuse Club, by default; C. E. Bull, Syracuse Club, defeated G. A. Walker Jr., Princeton Club, 15-3, 15-8; Stuyvesant Wainwright, Yale Club, defeated H. R. Stern, Yale Club, 15-8, 15-3; Anderson Dana, Harvard Club, defeated George Taylor, Cambridge Club, 15-8, 15-3; Dr. H. R. Russell, Harvard Club, defeated C. J. Macquire, Princeton Club, 15-11, 15-10; Harry W. Carhart, Yale Club, defeated John Munroe, Harvard Club, 7-15, 15-12, 15-7; J. A. Richards, Harvard Club, defeated Harold D. Harvey, Princeton Club, 15-3, 12-15, 15-13; J. A. Richards, Harvard Club, defeated Harold D. Harvey, Princeton Club, 15-3, 12-15, 15-13; J. A. Richards, Harvard Club, defeated Harold D. Harvey, Princeton Club, 15-3, 12-15, 15-13.

Erasmus in Four Relays  
Erasmus Hall High School has entered teams in the four relay races at the annual relay games of Eastern District High School at the 47th Regiment Armory next Saturday evening. The personnel of the respective teams follows: Medley, Rick, McQuillan, Conroy and Galt; 100-yard relay, Allen, Meyer, Schmidt and Levitt; 200-yard relay, Moore, Wood, Carboni and Jones; freshmen, W. Moore, Kelkar, Natelli and Robins.

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## Brocco & Verri Fail in Attempt To Steal a Lap

Goulet and Madden Increase Lead on Points; Riders Behind Record

SEVENTY-THIRD HOUR SCORE  
Miles Laps Points  
Goulet—Madden 1,360 1 187  
McNamara—Magin 1,360 1 146  
Hill—Drobach 1,360 1 146  
Egg—Duppy 1,360 1 139  
Eaton—Kaiser 1,360 1 110  
Hanley—Lawrence 1,360 1 84  
Coburn—Kopsky 1,360 1 74  
Acerts—Beyl 1,360 1 66  
Belle—Thomas 1,360 1 63  
Brocco—Verri 1,360 1 63  
Keller—Weber 1,360 1 51  
Buysse—Speissens 1,360 1 53  
Spencer—Chapman 1,360 0 64  
Tiborghien—Chardon 1,360 0 6

During a furious sprint at 12:25 this morning, which was started by Oscar Egg, the team of Chapman and Spencer lost one lap. In the same sprint, the teams of McNamara and Magin and Goulet and Madden were fined \$25 by the judges for infractions of the rules.

By Fred Hawthorne

Alf Goulet and Eddie Madden continued to hold their lead on points in the six-day race at the Garden yesterday and even increased their advantage slightly in the evening series of sprints. The great Australian and his young partner seemed to have speed in abundance, and there was rarely a time when Goulet was not able to outdrive his rivals in these dashes.

The fourteen teams still left in the race had amassed the following grand total of points up to last midnight, the third day of the big grind:

Goulet and Madden, 187; tied for second place are McNamara and Magin and Hill and Drobach, 146; Egg and Dupuy, 139; Eaton and Kaiser, 110; Hanley and Lawrence, 84; Coburn and Kopsky, 74; Acerts and Beyl, 66; Spencer and Chapman, 64; Belle and Thomas, 63; Brocco and Verri, 63; Keller and Weber, 51; Buysse and Speissens, 53; Tiborghien and Chardon, 6. The latter pair have not shared in the point winning for the last two days, or since they lost their lap, as the rules prohibit teams a lap behind from competing for points.

The half-way mark in the race was reached at midnight last night. Fourteen of the original fifteen teams were still plugging around the track at the seventy-second hours.

There were many sprints for money prizes throughout the day and in these "financial furies" the trailing teams had a share in the winning, the leaders apparently being content to let the backmarkers clean up the \$10 prizes as long as the points went to them and no laps were stolen.

Great Spurt by Egg

The sixth sprint brought out the closest finish of the night. Three laps from home Oscar Egg was setting the pace, but as they began the eighth lap Ray Eaton shot into the lead and opened up a ten-yard gap. All the way around until the final turn he led, with Egg in fourth place and apparently hopelessly in a pocket. But then the great Swede literally fought his way through the maze of flying riders and dashed past Eaton by inches at the tape. The crowd gave him a great reception.

Immediately after the completion of the seventh and eighth sprints, which were won by Goulet and Eaton, respectively, Brocco and Verri made wild efforts to steal a lap on the field, and in both cases furious riding on the part of Eaton, Goulet and Egg brought them back to the pack. Poor relief management upon the part of the trainers in getting Brocco and Verri out on the track immediately following the Italians had of stealing a lap.

The wildest and most reckless sprinting of the entire race followed a few minutes after the completion of the point sprint. Mark Buysse and Alphons Speissens, the Belgians, were mainly responsible for the terrible "jams" that kept the crowd in a continuous state of excitement. The two have been worrying the other riders all week by their repeated attempts to steal a lap, and last night they piled on the agony they had the field strung out all around the track, with the trainers rushing the relief men on the track every other minute.

Egg and Goulet took hold at the speed start as though to give the Belgians a taste of their speed, and it was more than an hour before the field settled down again.

After the afternoon sprints the management offered a prize of \$50 to the team winning the greatest number of points in the five one-mile sprints. Goulet won one sprint, was second in another and Madden took second place in two other dashes. This gave them the winning total and the \$50.

There was only one spill during the day, but no serious damage resulted. George Chapman fell from his wheel about 4 o'clock, in rounding the Fourth Avenue turn, and Tom Bello struck him a glancing blow as he went by and also tumbled to the track. Neither was seriously hurt and remounted at once.

New Orleans Entries

First race (three-year-olds and upward; claiming; five and one-half furlongs)—Sentry, 103 (Stewart), 10 to 1 and 2 out, first; Perfect Lady, 110 (McKissick), 6 to 1 and 2 out, second; Burckhorn, 11 (B. C. Smith), 2 to 1 and 2 out, third; Time, 1:12.5. Also ran: Vain Child, Unstable and Snow Hill.  
Second race (three-year-olds and upward; claiming; five and one-half furlongs)—Marty Magneto, 97 (dapper), 2 to 1 and 2 out, first; Prince Prince, 97 (Arbambald), 6 to 1 and 2 out, second; Buster Clark, 110 (Murray), 1:12.5. Also ran: Bonard, Third Time, Naonad Walton, Lucky Pearl, Charlie, Calway